

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 7-13, 15, 34-36, and 38 are pending in the application, with claims 7 and 34 being independent. Applicant cancels Claims 1-6, 14, 16-33, and 37 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer of the subject matter. Applicant amends Claims 7 and 34 to clarify claimed subject matter. Support for the claim amendments can be found in the original disclosure. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Dependent claims 14 and 37 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that these claims are allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's assistance in advancing prosecution of the application.

Applicant amends **independent claims 7 and 34** to recite features formerly recited in allowable dependent claims 14 and 37 respectively. The amendments to independent claims 7 and 34 are purely of form (i.e., dependent format to

independent format), and are not to overcome prior art or any other objections. Accordingly, dependent claims 14 and 37 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 7 and 34 are in allowable form and are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6, and 16-33 are cancelled herein, rendering the rejections over these claims moot.


Dependent claims 8-13 and 15 depend from independent claim 7, and **dependent claims 35-36 and 38** depend from independent claim 34. In response to the rejections against these claims, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 8-12, 15, 35-36, and 38 are allowable by virtue of this dependency as well as for additional features that each recite.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 7-13, 15, 34-36, and 38 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and an early notice of allowance. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, **Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.**

Respectfully submitted,

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